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COUNTRY Austria REPORT [redacted]

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Moedling and Bruck ~~on the~~ Leitha R

EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 26 February 1955, a colonel, 5 lieutenant colonels, (3 of them accompanied by women) 8 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 3 lieutenant colonels (2 of them accompanied by women), 5 majors, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 3 lieutenant colonels (2 of them accompanied by women), 2 majors, all wearing blue-bordered blue epaulets; and a major wearing red-bordered green epaulets were observed at the former Hoehere Bundesgewerbeschule (Federal trade highschool) in Moedling (O 49/X 36). Motor vehicles observed at the installation included sedan [redacted] and jeep [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, truck [redacted] and sedans [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; sedan [redacted] with a civilian driver; and jeep [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.

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2. Truck [redacted] van-like motor vehicle [redacted] and truck [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were parked in front of the Hyrtl'sche Waisenanstalt (Hyrtl orphans' home). A new shedroof had been set up in the courtyard of the orphans' home.

3. Six T-34/85 tanks, 3 armored half-track vehicles, 3 trucks and 4 van-like motor vehicles, but no armored scout cars, were parked under shedroofs in the area of the former automobile and aircraft engine factory at 5-15 Gabrieler Strasse. The factory was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets. Two trucks and 4 van-like motor vehicles were parked in the open in the factory area. Motor traffic in the area of the city and at the individual installations apparently was considerably less than during previous observations.

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4. On 25 February 1955, 12 full-track vehicles which were completely covered with canvas were parked under shedroofs in the area of the barracks installation southeast of the Bruck ~~on the~~ Leitha R ~~near~~ railroad station. The area was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] and van-like motor vehicle [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the installation. Three majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 2 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward the forest camp. Fresh imprints similar to those caused by track-laying vehicles led from the installation to the target range 3 kilometers southwest of the railroad station. Truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets departed from the low buildings southeast of the installation. Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and a major wearing black-bordered black epaulets entered the forest camp. The camp was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed entering or leaving the area of the camp included truck [redacted] with a driver wearing

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black-bordered red epaulets, driving-school truck [redacted] and trucks [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and van-like motor vehicle [redacted]

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5. Jeep [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets was parked in front of the komendatura which was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets.²

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1. [redacted] Comment. The present report from Moedling indicates that the previous occupation has remained unchanged. [redacted] Motor traffic has diminished since some units are presumably at Woellersheim where they hold firing practices.

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2. [redacted] Comment. It is noted that officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia have again been observed. [redacted]

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